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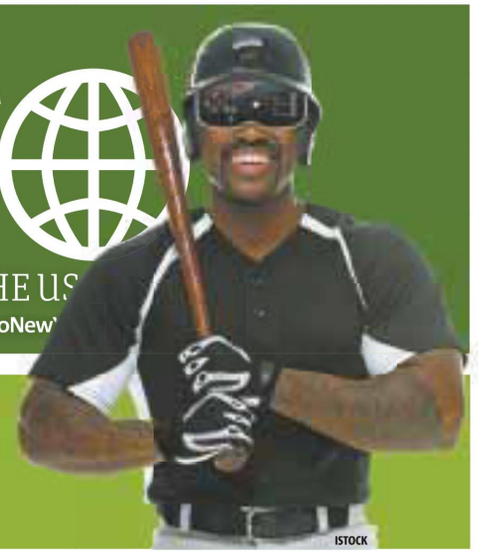
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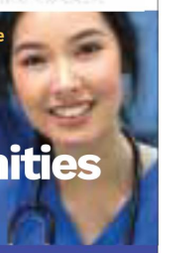

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MATT BURKE, SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball is still quite popular in the northeast of the United States, but nationally it can't touch the NFL or NBA in terms of TV viewers and social media buzz. So, how can baseball become more "buzzworthy"? One way is to speed up the game using new rule changes, and we spoke with an NYU professor who wants to get downright radical with it. This is sure to send you baseball traditionalists out there into an uproar. Read more on pages 8-9 and at **metro.us.**

TRUMP SON-IN-LAW LOSES ACCESS TO SECURE INFO

1 President Donald Trump's son-in-law and close adviser, Jared Kushner, has lost access to the most valued U.S. intelligence report, the President's Daily Brief, as the White House imposes greater discipline on access to secrets, two U.S. officials familiar with the matter said on Tuesday. Kushner, who has been operating under an interim security clearance for about a year, had his access to the highly classified briefing cut off in the past few weeks, said the sources. A third official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein recently passed new information to White House Counsel Don McGahn that led to the slowing or stopping of Kushner's pending clearance application. The nature of that information was not clear. It also is unclear if and when Kushner's access to the briefing would be reinstated.

NEW BILL PENALIZES SITES FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

2 The House of Representatives on Tuesday passed legislation to make it easier to penalize operators of websites that facilitate online sex trafficking, chipping away at a bedrock legal shield for the technology industry. The bill's passage marks one of the most concrete actions in recent years from the Congress to tighten regulation of internet firms, which have drawn heavy scrutiny from lawmakers in both parties over the past year due to an array of concerns regarding the size and influence of their platforms. The measure still needs to pass the Senate, where similar legislation has already gained substantial support, and then be signed by President Donald Trump before it can become law. Speaker Paul Ryan, in a statement before the vote, said the bill would help "put an end to modern-day slavery here in the United States."

OFFICIALS TEST NEW DEVICES DESIGNED TO DETECT EXPLOSIVES

3 An Amtrak Police officer works with new devices designed to detect explosives at Penn Station on Tuesday. The TSA has worked with devices known as stand-off explosive detection units since 2004 with transit agencies like Amtrak and New Jersey Transit. Also, the technology has been used to secure large-scale events like the Super Bowl and in a Los Angeles Metro station. ***For more, see page 5.***

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ELEVEN PEOPLE ILL AFTER LETTER OPENED AT BASE

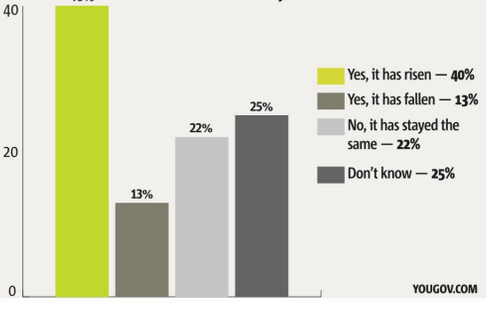
4 Eleven people fell ill and three were transported to a hospital on Tuesday after a letter was opened at a U.S. military base in Arlington, Virginia, the fire department and a base spokeswoman said. "Someone opened a letter and everyone at the office started feeling badly," said Leah Rubalcaba, a spokeswoman for Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The three people taken to a hospital were in stable condition, Arlington Fire Department said on Twitter. The letter was opened in the Marine Corps' portion of the base, which is located near Washington, D.C. "An envelope containing an unknown substance was received" at the base, the Marine Corps said on Twitter. "Personnel in the affected building took immediate preventative measures by evacuating the building," it said.

TRUMP AIDE HOPE HICKS REFUSES QUESTIONS

5 Hope Hicks, a close aide to President Donald Trump, declined to answer questions about the administration on Tuesday from members of the House Intelligence Committee investigating Russia and the 2016 U.S. election, lawmakers said. Hicks, the White House communications director, was Trump's spokeswoman during the election. The president seemed to defend her shortly before her House appearance, taking to Twitter early on Tuesday to say: "WITCH HUNT," a phrase he has used in the past to describe the Russia investigations. Hicks refused to discuss her role in the administration, including her part in drafting a statement in July 2017 misrepresenting a July 2016 meeting at Trump Tower that included the president's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., other Trump associates and Natalia Veselnitskaya, a Russian official.

ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENT

Do you think the amount of anti-Semitic sentiment has changed in America in recent years?



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Psychological factors are driving the Bitcoin bubble

Do you suffer from cryptocurrency FOMO? The world's first "Bitcoin psychologist" weighs in on the strange new obsession.

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The value of the so-called cryptocurrency market, according to experts, has one intrinsic driver: human psychology.

This psychological factor driving the cryptocurrency market can be broken into two vehicles.

The first is the fear of missing out, colloquially known as FOMO. When the media gleefully and unabashedly profiles 20-somethings who've made hundreds of millions of dollars investing in Bitcoin, people are driven to invest based purely on emotion.

"When something is going up so much, the fear of missing out drives investment—you don't want to miss out on making money," said Swedish psychologist Anne Grefberg, who may very well be the world's first "Bitcoin psychologist." "And of course, people want to avoid that feeling of being the stupid person that didn't do it."

The second is the simple fact that the majority of people — 80 percent, according to Grefberg — think they're smarter than the average person.

"A lot of us feel that we are smarter than most people, and therefore can make better decisions about investments and whatnot," said Grefberg. "But that's not true. If you think about it, most of us are averagely smart and do more decision making with emotions than with our IQ."

At first, Grefberg said, investing in cryptocurrencies "was something people didn't want as much because they didn't understand it."

It's this mystique clouding cryptocurrencies that play on people's psychological yearning to be seen as more intelligent than everyone else, according to Grefberg.

So, the thinking goes, if you can successfully invest in Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, you can prove you're indeed smarter than the average person who stayed away from the market.

The problem, according to Grefberg, is that this type of emotions-based investing will lead to the implosion of the cryptocurrency bubble that has built up.

"For the average person, you can do smarter things than invest in Bitcoin," Grefberg said.

Cryptocurrencies including Bitcoin, Ethereum and Lightcoin have seen unprecedented growth in the past year, despite remaining extremely volatile. GETTY IMAGES

Here are some highlights of the best-known cryptocurrencies:

Bitcoin
Value at the start of 2017: $973
Value at the end of 2017: $14,670
Current Value: $9,945
Known for: Extreme volatility, marked by a 40 percent dip between mid-December and January

Litecoin
Value at the start of 2017: $4.51
Value at the end of 2017: $232
Current Value: $213
Known for: More stable than Bitcoin; once referred to as the "silver to Bitcoin's gold."

Ethereum
Value at the start of 2017: $8
Value at the end of 2017: $756
Current Value: $849
Known for: A market capitalization of $41.4 billion, second after Bitcoin among all cryptocurrencies.

Zcash
Value at the start of 2017: $48
Value at the end of 2017: $505
Current Value: $434
Known for: Allows for content to be encrypted

Dash
Value at the start of 2017: $11
Value at the end of 2017: $1,051
Current Value: $670
Known for: A more secretive version of Bitcoin.

TSA to test new suicide bomber detection tech at Penn Station

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is testing a new bomb detection technology at Penn Station meant to help identify suicide vests or other explosives that are strapped onto someone's body.

The initiative begins Tuesday, Sen. Chuck Schumer announced. Schumer pushed for the TSA to test in New York City, he said in a statement, following an attempted subway attack in December.

"At long last and at not a moment too soon, the TSA has agreed to bring this new, potentially life-saving technology to New York City and Penn Station for testing, and so we thank the TSA for heeding the call," Schumer said in a statement.

On Dec. 11, Akayed Ullah, 27, detonated a homemade explosive that was strapped to his body while in a subway tunnel between Port Authority and Times Square. The explosion occurred around 7:20 a.m., and Ullah himself was the only person severely injured.

The TSA will test technology that can scan for suicide bombs at Penn Station.
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"The ability to detect concealed explosives worn by cowards looking to do us harm — demands the federal government continue to put both the testing and the perfecting of this technology on the fast-track," Schumer continued. "As the threats we face evolve our preparedness and response must evolve as well to remain a step ahead of evildoers."

This TSA technology, which can help detect suicide vests or other "strapped-to-the-body explosive devices" before they actually detonate, had not been officially tested in New York City before this move.

As someone passes by the device, called "Stand Off Explosive Detection Technology," it can detect the presence of a potential threat by evaluating "naturally occurring emissions from the human body," according to the TSA.

It has previously been used for large-scale events like the Super Bowl, officials said, and in Metro stations in Los Angeles. It has not yet been permanently integrated into transit hubs.

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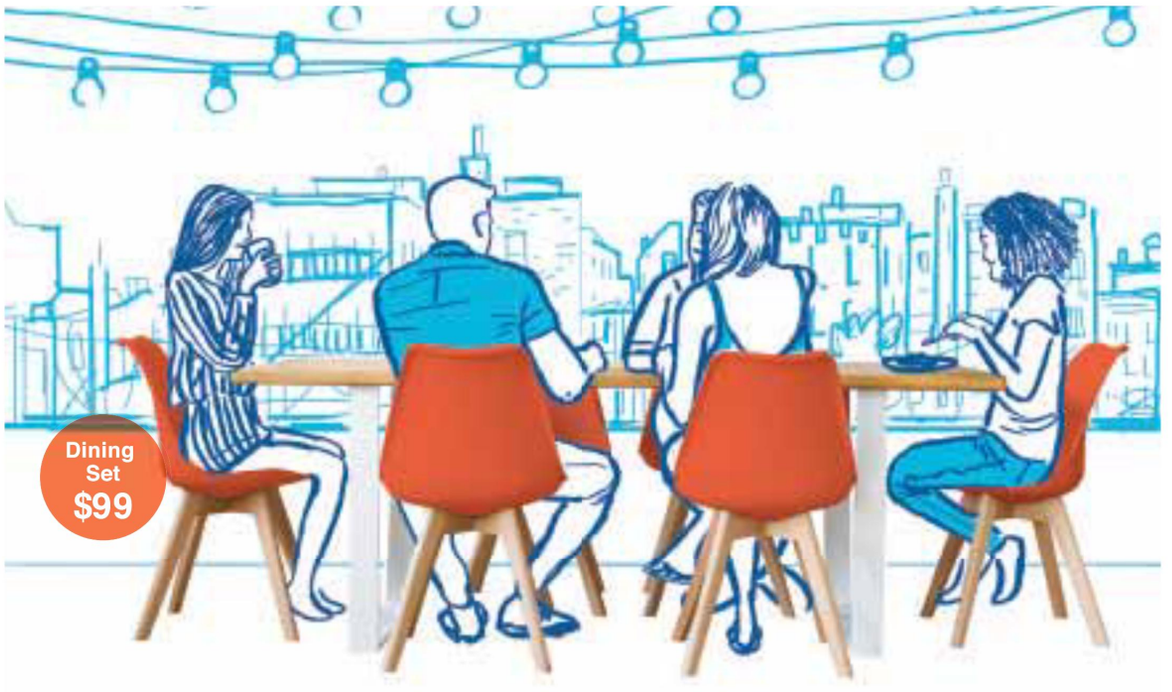

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NYC Pain MD is a medical clinic with two locations in New York City that has made a name for itself by treating the worst cases of back or neck pain.

Here is what every back and neck pain sufferer who has failed to respond to other treatments and does not want surgery should know about one of the best treatment options available today for severe back and neck pain including when, why and where you should consider this treatment to get maximum results.

If you suffer with back, neck or nerve pain, you have probably already tried *many* treatments ... especially countless pain medications.

Experienced doctors understand that even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for back pain... they are rarely the answer.

In most cases they have minimal, short term results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are there any better options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there is very good option to help relieve the pain.

An option that a lot of back and neck pain sufferers may have never heard of before.

Before we get into these treatments, please understand this...

NYC Pain MD is a REAL medical clinic that has treated the worst cases of back pain. Patients travel from all over to be treated at one of their clinics for all sorts of joint and muscle pain because they want the best medical treatments available.

What you are about to discover is a REAL medical treatment. Not some miracle cure you see on infomercials or on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no one treatment that will help every case of back pain. And we cannot guarantee this treatment will work for you. But this treatment has already helped countless back and neck pain sufferers who had given up hope. I bet many just like you.

What is this treatment? It's called...

Radiofrequency Neurotomy

"Radiofrequncy Neurotomy" is often referred to as RF for short. Just what is "RF".

RF is a procedure that is based on the concept that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

There are many nerves around your spine and one of their jobs is to sense PAIN.

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to these nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerves and slow down the pain

Two procedures are performed. First, a test, diagnostic "Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, the Radio Frequency Neurotomy is scheduled and performed for longer term relief.

What Results Can You Expect?

Like all real medical procedures... results vary for individual patients. No good and ethical doctor would guarantee any exact results for any procedure... that's just not how things work and it would be less than honest.

That's being said, it is not uncommon for patients to get complete, if not significant relief of their pain shortly after the treatment.

How Long Do The Results Last?

This procedure "impaits" the nerves pain signals... it does not destroy them. Therefore, the results are safe but not completely permanent. But, many patients get relief for 6 months… 12 months…. 18 months for some even longer. The great news is - another procedure can be safely preformed for more relief if necessary.

While we cannot claim this is a complete "permanent cure" ... it can be a godsend for so many who were in constant pain.

Really... what would it be worth if you could get out of pain for long enough so you could start enjoying your everyday life again?

Would it be worth it to be able to finally get a good night's sleep again?

How about being able to go for a simple walk or just do your basic daily chores without worrying about so much pain?

Is It Safe?

Yes. This procedure has been done countless times and continues to have an excellent safety record. It is minimally invasive and is *not surgical.*

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and physical therapy do not offer good enough results.

RF has also been found effective AFTER back surgery when patient's still feel pain.

The pain after a failed back surgery can be debilitating for some and this procedure may be the only thing that helps give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain And The "X" Factor

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof without the need for a surgical center or hospital.

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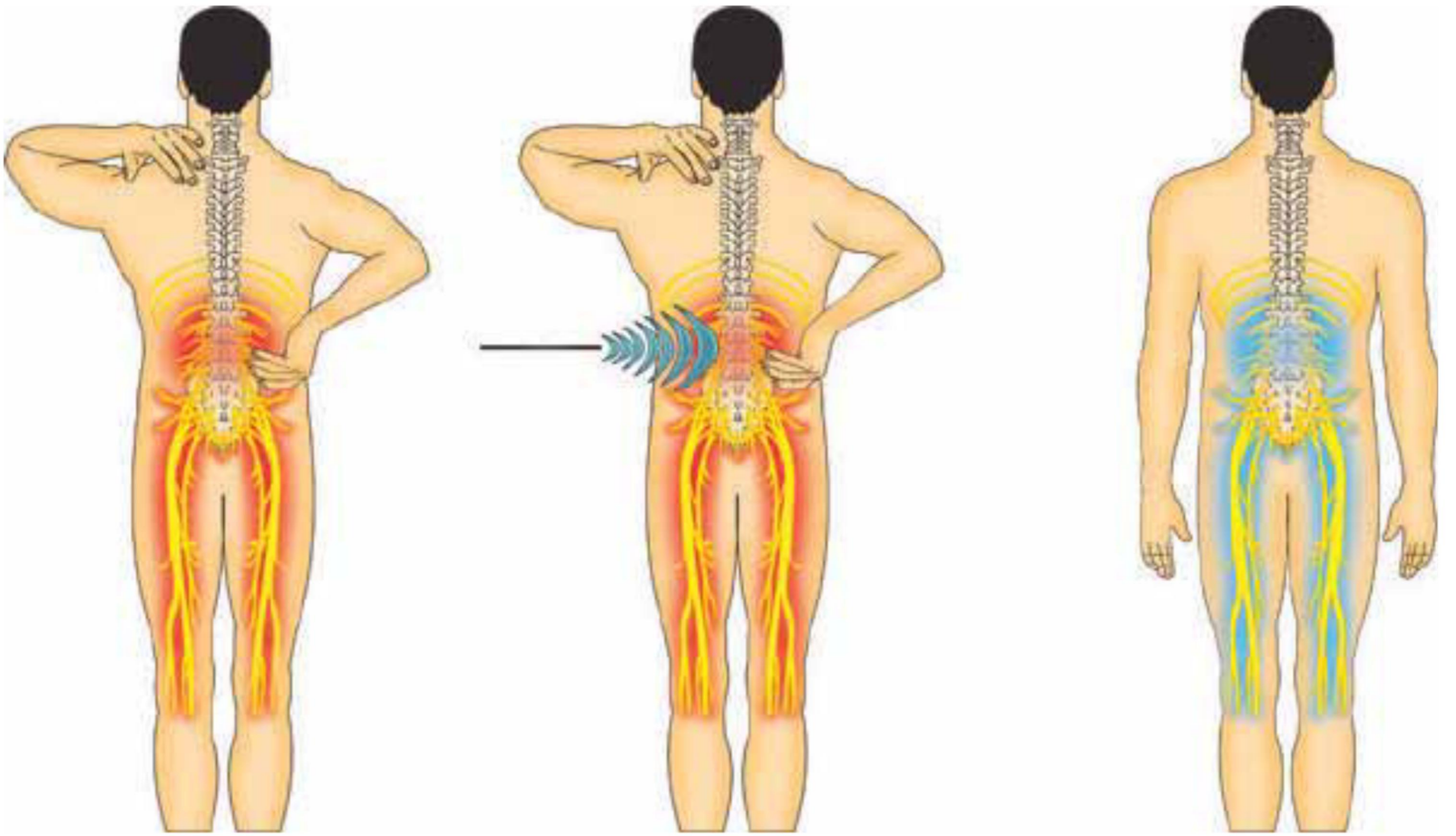

Science rescues back & neck pain sufferers?: Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many

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Your Invitation

NYC Pain MD offers limited number of complimentary back and neck pain screenings every month. These screenings are a way for pain sufferers to get some of their questions answered and see if they are candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at *NYC Pain MD*. If you would like complimentary screening, just call 877-503-8540 and tell the scheduling co-ordinator who answers the phone, "I would like a complimentary back pain screening."

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Baseball's future:

Professor Steven Brams on how to make the game of baseball more appealing to young people.

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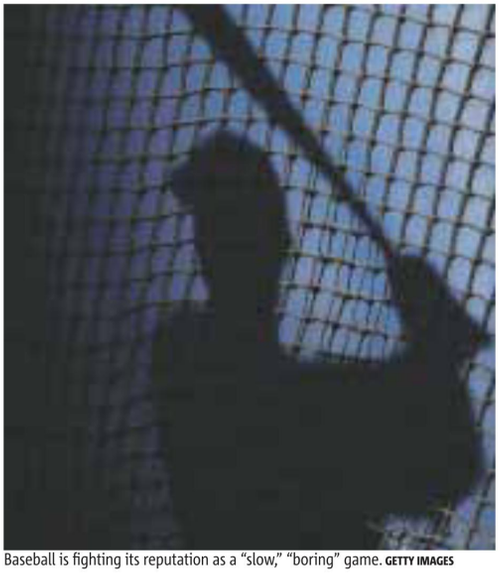

Baseball is fighting its reputation as a "slow," "boring" game. GETTY IMAGES

The NFL is still far and away the most popular pro sports league in North America, based on TV ratings. The NBA is the most popular American sports league among millennials, according to a 2015 Washington Post piece.

Major League Baseball, meanwhile, cannot sniff the TV ratings of the NFL, and even loses out to the NBA in national TV ratings when comparing the 2017 NBA Finals and 2017 World Series. The general narrative among the key demos in America today is that baseball is "old," "boring," "slow," and that it desperately needs some sort of turbo boost in order to save itself from losing out on an entire generation of fans.

NYU professor of politics and American game theorist Steven Brams is one of many who believes the way to entice younger audiences to embrace baseball is through rule changes, though Brams' ideas are some of the more radical to have been heard.

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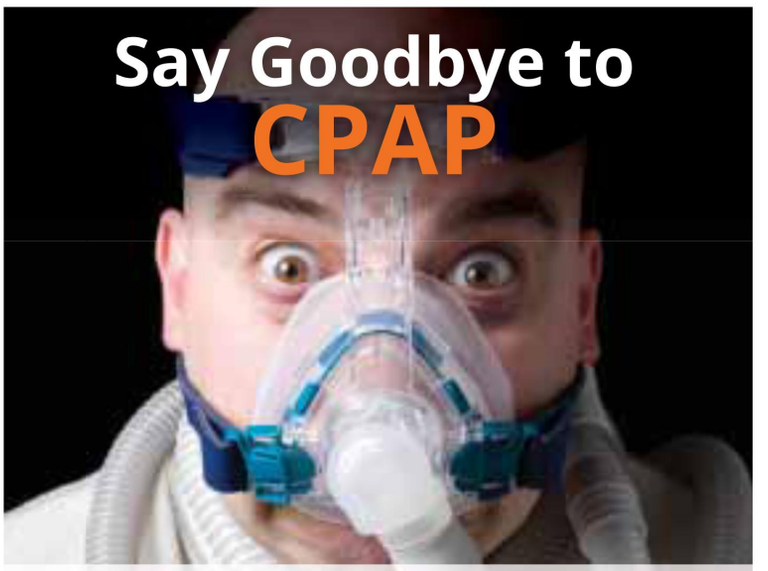

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Time to speed it up

far behind football and basketball, and most of it is due to fans losing interest during long games and blowouts," Brams told Metro while discussing his paper on the topic that was published in the current issue of SIAM Review (produced by Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics). "Making games more competitive and making games quicker should be the first priority for [MLB] right now."

Time crunch

In a world where you're lucky to get a millennials' attention for three minutes, let alone three hours — it's clear that baseball needs to do something.

Brams' most radical idea is to have regular season games "handicapped" with a so-called, "catch-up rule." His proposed change would include making teams that are ahead in score retire after two outs at bat instead of three. If a team goes ahead during an inning, and already has two outs, it would have to retire immediately.

"You wouldn't see nearly as many blowouts with this rule," Brams told Metro. "This is about modifying the game so that the team behind always has a chance to catch up, but it will also lead to changes in strategy."

No sport in North America is so in love with its own traditions as baseball, so a proposed change this drastic would be met with sure furor from the baseball community. A giant issue baseball fans would have here is that the rule could diminish the truly great teams in the sport and could water it down as a whole. The best teams — which typically build leads early in a game for a reason - would be essentially punished for being so good.

"Yes, the great teams would not like this but it encourages more competition. It's a trade-off," Brams told Metro. "Fans become uninterested very quickly during a blowout, particularly in baseball. We've studied the times of baseball games for the past 50 years and we think using the 'catch-up rule' would cut games down by 20 minutes at least and would get it much closer to the NFL and NBA — which are the two most popular sports by far in America."

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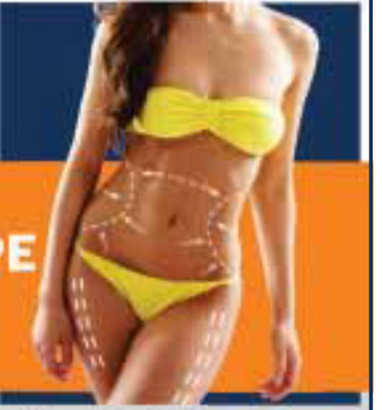
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Long Islanders rallied in August after swastikas were graffitied on a local high school. EVAN R. BERNSTEIN VIA TWITTER/@ BERNSTEIN_EVAN

New report: Anti-Semitic incidents in NY increased during 2017

Overall, the United States saw a 57 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents from 2016 to 2017, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

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Anti-Semitic incidents escalated in 2017, according to a new report by the Anti-Defamation League, surging nearly 60 percent nationwide and more than 90 percent in New York state alone.

This is the largest single-year increase on record since the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) began tracking data on anti-Semitic incidents in the 1970s, the organization said when it released its annual report on Tuesday.

New York state saw 380 reports of anti-Semitic incidents in 2017, from physical assaults and vandalism to harassment and attacks on Jewish institutions, the report found. That's up from 199 such incidents in 2016.

"The numbers are just so high. … These are trends that we just don't like to see," said Evan R. Bernstein, ADL New York regional director. "We've always had spikes, issues of up and down, but these kind of sustained spikes — especially with the enormity of them — this is something very, very difficult for us to accept."

New York had more incidents than any other state, but it wasn't alone in experiencing more anti-Semitism. At least one incident was reported in all 50 states in 2017 — an occurrence that hasn't happened in at least a decade, according to the ADL.

The states with the most reports of incidents were New York, California (268 reports), New Jersey (208), Massachusetts (177), Florida (98) and Pennsylvania (96).

Nationwide, the ADL received reports on 1,015 incidents of harassment (including 163 bomb threats against Jewish institutions), a 41 percent jump from the year before; 952 incidents of vandalism, an 86 percent increase from 2016; and 19 physical assaults, which was a 47 percent decrease from the prior year.

Across the country, reports in schools nearly doubled in 2017, for the second year in a row.

ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS BY AREA OF NY STATE

2017:

Manhattan: 99
Brooklyn: 80
Queens: 39
Bronx: 9
Staten Island: 7
Long Island: 62
Westchester: 18
Rockland County: 12
Upstate: 54

To Bernstein, the trend in schools is particularly harrowing because it shows these kids may be learning this behavior from what they see online.

"When you see a doubling of anti-Semitic incidents in New York from K through 12, a 130 percent increase on college campuses [in New York] last year, that really makes me take pause," he said. "These are the next future leaders of the state of New York and this country. This is the attitude shift being made now, and it's something we have to get in front of."

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Republicans in Congress reject new limitations on guns

As the U.S. Congress has failed to tighten gun laws in the wake of other mass shootings, states have taken action on their own. GETTY IMAGES

Republican leaders of the U.S. Congress said on Tuesday that they would not raise the minimum age for gun buyers, in a sign that one of President Donald Trump's proposals likely will not get far on Capitol Hill after a deadly Florida school shooting.

The second-deadliest shooting at a U.S. public school has reignited the long-running national debate over gun rights, pitting many of the students who survived the Feb. 14 high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, against powerful gun rights groups like the National Rifle Association.

Several of those students visited lawmakers on Capitol Hill on Tuesday to press Congress to enact new restrictions on gun ownership.

Republicans in Congress have rejected those efforts after similar mass shootings in the past, and party leaders said they were not likely to act this time, either.

"We shouldn't be banning guns from law-abiding citizens. We should be focusing on making sure that citizens who should not get guns in the first place don't get those guns," House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan told a news conference.

Trump has suggested arming teachers and raising the minimum age to buy semiautomatic rifles from 18 to 21, but Ryan said Congress was not likely to act on either idea.

Local governments, not Congress, should decide whether to arm teachers, he said.

Trump still supports raising the age limit and will release specific policy proposals this week, White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said.

Ryan's comments made it clear that more aggressive gun limits, like a ban on the military-style rifle used by the 19-year-old Parkland shooter, were unlikely to gain traction in Congress.

Ryan met later in the day with Parkland students, who pushed for a ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines, as well as other school-safety features, according to Rep. Ted Deutch, a Democrat who represents the district.

"This isn't the last time they they're going to come to Washington," Deutch said. "It's really just the beginning of that effort."

Prosecutors have said that Nikolas Cruz killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland with a legally purchased rifle. Federal and local law enforcement agencies have acknowledged receiving multiple warnings about Cruz's potential for violence.

Trump and his fellow Republicans are under pressure to act following the massacre, but they also must avoid angering Republican voters who broadly support gun rights as well as interest groups like the NRA, which spent $55 million in the 2016 election.

The House voted in December to bolster the national background check system after the Air Force failed to provide records that could have flagged a former service member who killed 26 people at a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, in November.

That legislation has broad support in the Senate as well, and Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Senate Republican, said he wants a vote to take place this week.

Senate Democratic leader Charles Schumer said that by itself would not be adequate. He called for Congress to expand the background check system to cover all gun sales, including those conducted at gun shows and over the internet.

That legislation has failed in Congress twice over the past five years, and it fell short again in the House on Tuesday as Republicans rejected an effort by Democrats to bring it up for a vote.

"We Democrats, at a minimum, believe we should be passing a universal background check legislation that assures that guns don't fall into the wrong hands," Schumer told reporters.

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"The Looming Tower" debuts Feb. 28. HULU

Adapting the unadaptable

Jeff Daniels and Peter Sarsgaard talk their epic new series, "The Looming Tower."

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Lawrence Wright's Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Looming Tower" is arguably the definition of unfilmable. The novel meticulously tells the story of the build-up to 9/11 — particularly how the FBI and CIA's lack of cooperation prevented them from uncovering the terrorist plot in time.

And while there's no way a Hollywood studio would go near such a complex book, Hulu immediately saw the appeal and took on the challenge. The result is the series, "The Looming Tower," out Feb. 28. Ahead of the premiere, we chatted with stars Jeff Daniels and Peter Sarsgaard about tackling the novel and more.

What originally attracted you to "The Looming Tower"?

Peter Sarsgaard: I had read it. I was like, 'How in the world are they going to adapt this book?' Because it spans so many years and cultures.

Jeff Daniels: It shows you what led to 9/11, at least on this side of the ocean. And if a screenwriter had made it up, they would tell you, "Sorry, you have to change that. It's implausible." What stunned me after all these years [was] that I didn't know parts of this story.

PS: It also wrestled with important stuff that we're still dealing with today. Because people in the CIA at that time said, "If we bomb these 12 places on this given day. We'll get Osama Bin Laden." Then they were asked, "How many civilians would die?" And they were like, "5,000 or so." The Clinton administration said no. But I know there are people in this country that believe, "Better 5,000 of them than 4,000 of us." That's the nature of the country we live in. You either believe that American lives are more important than other, or that a life is a life.

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Do you think that, particularly with this streaming adaptation, television has surpassed movies in quality?

JD: Television is where the writers went. They're given a creative freedom that I haven't felt in other places. Then they hire really good people and they give you the money to shoot it. That production value is all across "The Looming Tower." Because it is not a cheap show to shoot. We are in 5 or 6 different countries.

PS: TV is more interesting.

JD: You feel like what's the difference between this and movies? You're trusted. And there's a smart audience out there. All those people that like reading books, they don't mind bingeing and seeing a 10-episode season of "The Looming Tower." It is like reading a novel.

Do you think you could binge watch "The Looming Tower"?

JD: I work in television. I work in movies. I don't necessarily watch any of it. Which is a failing I'm sure. I sit with people and they say, "Did you see this film? Or that TV show?" And I am like, "No. I was too busy watching a baseball game."

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Meet the man who created a Furby-inspired organ

New musical instrument generates sounds based on Furbish language.

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Fa-la-la, musical Furbies! CONTRIBUTED | BETWEEN MUSIC

The famous Furby, developed in 1998 by Tiger Electronics, has returned 20 years after its successful launch. Only now, it's in the form of an organ. The U.K. creator, Sam Battle, a.k.a. Look Mum No Computer, released an instrument that generates music based on the peculiar sounds of Furbies. Metro chats with Battle to learn more.

Why did you create this unique instrument?
I built this organ because it was an idea that has been looming over me for a few years. I initially came up with the idea in 2011 but I didn't really have the know how to build such a machine. I ran out of money and had to sell all my Furbies! But last year I managed to collect enough, and now with the necessary skill set I was able to build the machine and have it wokring.

Why did you use Furbies?
Furbies are quite a renowned toy in the "hacking" and "circuit bending" worlds, as they are easy to come by and absolutely jam packed with features. Even the original 1998 ones sport ears/eyes/mouth/body movements as well as numerous sensors for touch. Plus, they are quite cute. It seemed like an obvious choice to me. Oh, and I guess it was a backlash because I wasn't allowed one as a child.

How does the organ work?
It basically takes Furby formant vowels, like a Furby singing "AAAA EEEEE OOOOO," and puts them at the players' fingertips via the keyboard, while keeping the functioning unpredictability of the Furby intact. It's a very rowdy, unprofessional choir. The sound is definitely interesting. I haven't heard an instrument sound like it. I think some people might not be ready for this.

Some people think it's a bit creepy...
To me it's just a bunch of furry toys on some wooden shelves, but to someone else it could be quite heartbreaking to see these poor animals being put into forced musical labor against their will.

What other projects do you have planned?
I always have a notebook full of ideas, it's just a question of which to hit next. I'm going to do some slightly smaller projects while the aire of the Furby organ looms over, and then come back soon with another big machine. I'm still working out which ones to do, but in the mean I will be experimenting with video synthesis and wearable musical instruments.

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Jersey City neighborhood guide

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There's only one thing holding you back from a more spacious apartment, access to better schools and an abundance of dining and nightlife options — it's called the Hudson River. Let's clue you in to all that awaits in Jersey City.

"Downtown Jersey City has become a magnet for residents seeking quality housing alternatives at better values than Manhattan and parts of Brooklyn," says Louis Mont, chief operating officer of Manhattan Building Co. which is developing the 377-unit Soho Lofts rental building on Jersey City's Hoboken border.

"While the initial wave of new residents were young professionals, we've seen a significant change in the demographics over the past several years with more and more families opting to call the city home. These residents are looking to establish long-term roots and demand has grown for services such as charter and private schools and daycare facilities, as well as leisure-time activities such as museums, art galleries and restaurants," added Mont.

"It's incredibly accessible to midtown and downtown New York City with PATH trains and direct New York Waterway ferry service providing an easy commute to major work centers," says Brian Fisher, president of Fisher Development Associates, which is developing the 45-story Vantage rental building in Liberty Harbor North.

Bergen-Lafayette

Bergen-Lafayette is a quaint neighborhood filled with creatives and hidden gems. Found yourself by the Liberty State Park area? Welcome to the Central Park of JC! It's beautiful, and there's always something to do. Feeling like a fancy feast with incredible city views? The Liberty House Restaurant, right there, is one of the most notable noshes in all of New Jerz. You can also take your family out for a day at Liberty Science Center, check out their newest planetarium (the biggest in the Western Hemisphere) or attend one of its After Dark parties!

Stop in for a film at the historic Loew's Jersey Theatre in Journal Square.

"Jersey City has great bars and restaurants, and has become a mecca for dining, nightlife and the arts."

Brian Fisher, President of Fisher Development Associates

The Heights

The Heights is family-friendly (yet still hip!), best known for its massive shopping street — Central Ave. You can grab the hottest pair of kicks at Sneaker Room, stop by Dulce de Leche for a delicious coffee or pastry, add to your glo-up Eye Candy Lash Bar, wolf down a slice at Renato's Pizza Masters and visit El Gordo for a cozy, authentic Peruvian experience. Riverview Park will be your go-to, and hosts a seasonal farmer's market, as well as yoga by Yoga in the Heights.

Downtown

The newest addition to the waterfront, the RoofTop at Exchange Place, is incredible for a night of cocktails and delicious food with an incredible view of the Manhattan skyline. You may not know there's also a huge shopping mall in JC, but you do now! Visit the Newport Centre Mall, and while you're at it, relive your Pyeongchang greatest moments at Newport Skates. The nightlife is also nothing to sniff at — get your dance on at Miss Wong's, Red Lounge, Porta or enjoy a sexy cocktail at Dullboy. You don't need to be "in THE city" for the best pizza in town, either — Razza is a local joint on Grove Street which will help change your view of what city is actually THE one.

Also? Expect to find some incredible resources for families on top of the recreation and dining already mentioned. "For better values than Manhattan and parts of Brooklyn," says Mont of Manhattan Building Co. Museums, art galleries and restaurants abound. Best of all? You're right by the PATH and ferry service.

Greenville

Greenville is a diamond in the rough filled with a bunch of notable restaurants. Stop by Neptune Bakery & Deli for any baked goods your heart desires, get some authentic Italian food at Laico's, which is a Jersey City landmark. You can also grab some affordable and satisfying food at Lou's, or hang out at Cherry's Lounge for a night out with good food and drinks.

Journal Square & McGinley Square

Boulevard Drinks is a historic staple for a night out, and the hot dogs are to die for. Right next door is the Historic Loew's Jersey Theater, which is absolutely stunning and will take you back to another decade in time. In Journal Square, we also have India Square — a neighborhood with Indian restaurants, apparel and more. Within the area is also McGinley Square's The Clearport, which is a conceptual retail experience.

West Side

If you find yourself in West Side, Lincoln Park is perfect for a day out. New Park Tavern is nearby if you're in the mood for an amazing burger, or you can grab a plate of some of the best Dominican food at La Promicia.

JERSEY CITY'S VANTAGE OFFERS LUXURY WATERFRONT LIVING MINUTES FROM MANHATTAN

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Jersey City's rental market is booming, luring New York City residents across the Hudson River with its electric urban lifestyle and easy access to Manhattan. Luxury residential buildings dot the waterfront, blending expansive homes, culture, nightlife, and public transportation to create a vibrant live/play environment for today's growing family and young professional.

Vantage, the hottest new rental address in this City, embodies all these attributes and more. Rising 45-stories into Jersey City's skyline, the outstanding downtown location of the landmark tower is unmistakable, beckoning renters with its sleek glass curtain wall exterior and convenience to Manhattan.

Vantage lies less than a ten-minute walk to the Grove Street PATH station, whisking commuters to midtown. Just feet from the building is New York Waterway's Liberty Harbor Terminal with direct ferry service to Wall Street, a City Bike Station, and the Marin Boulevard Hudson-Bergen Light Rail stop.

With nearly 60% of its 448 homes leased, it's clear the location and luxury lifestyle at Vantage have been the perfect answer for many looking for an alternative to rising New York City apartment prices. It certainly delivered for Jessica Mannarino, a former Brooklyn resident who was seeking a change of scenery and pace.

"The vibe of downtown Jersey City is like a mini-Manhattan or Brooklyn with a more chilled out environment," Ms. Mannarino comments. "My commute from Vantage into New York City is heaven compared to my old commute from Brooklyn."

The same holds true for Gloriana Aguilar, who chose Vantage when relocating from Costa Rica. The opportunity to live so close to Manhattan was simply too good to pass up.

"I could live in any city in the United States, so I chose the

most amazing of all, New York City," she says. "I decided to first look on Jersey City's waterfront which provided quick access to Manhattan. You cannot beat this location so close to the light rail and the PATH."

Vantage features more space at an economical cost with large and rectilinear floorplans. Studio, one-, and two-bedroom homes, range from 550 to 1,300 square-feet and are priced from the low $2,000s.

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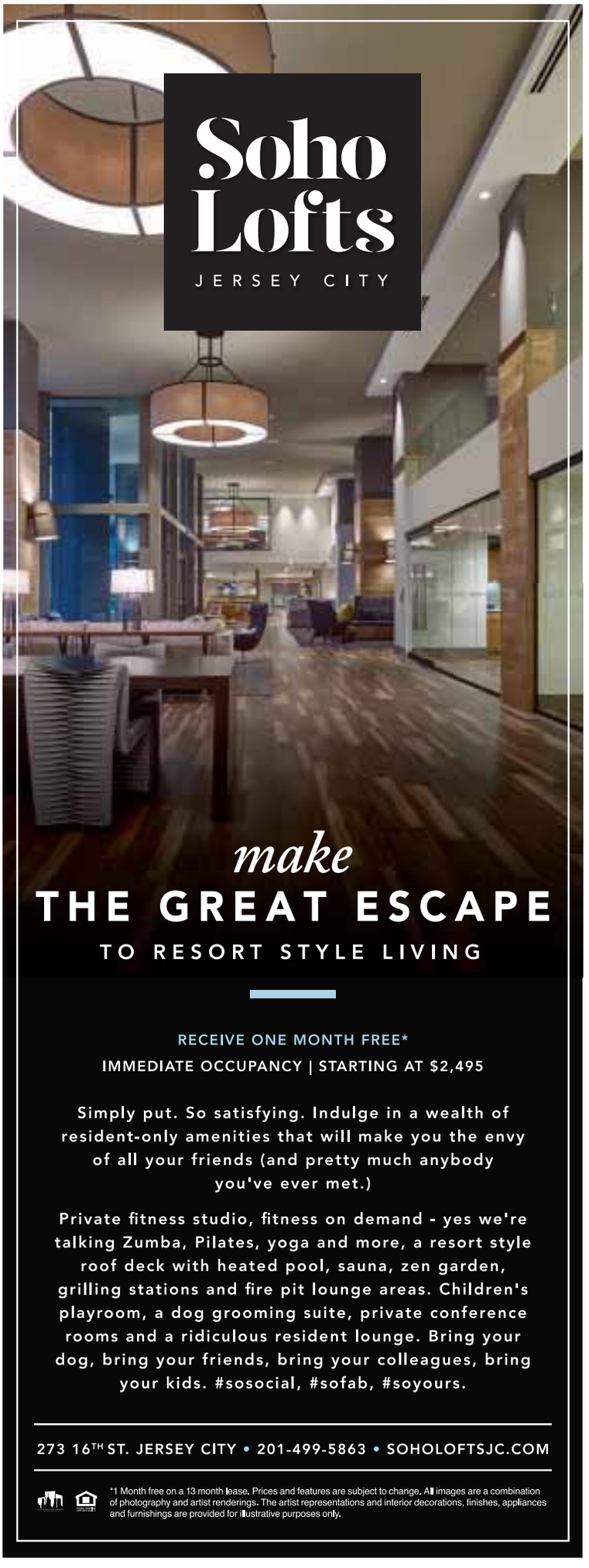
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The industrial-inspired community offers one-, two-, three and four-bedroom apartments, as well as a limited number of private townhome rentals. Rents begin from the $2,000s.

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But if you're like most millennials, you're probably cooking on some beat up pots and pans you've had since college.

Made In Cookware's founders, Bradford "Chip" Malt and Jonathan "Jake" Kalick, decided to change all that.

With Malt's background in science, tech and e-commerce and Kalick's background in the food industry, the dynamic duo seemed destined to launch Made in Cookware together.

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"My family wholesales cookware. For five years I was running the business that outfits everything for hotels, restaurants and casinos across the United States," says Kalick.

"I was running e-commerce for an apparel company in NYC called Rhone," adds Malt.

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Knicks looking for right fit with Mudiay,

New York's young backcourt is attempting to come together in the second half of a lost season.

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There was plenty of head-scratching and questions when the New York Knicks acquired point guard Emmanuel Mudiay from the Denver Nuggets at the NBA trade deadline earlier in February.

After Ron Baker's season-ending injury, the Knicks were still left with three point guards in Frank Ntilikina, Trey Burke and veteran Jarrett Jack, who was inexplicably starting while the rookie Frenchman and 25-year-old Michigan product came off the bench.

It was the last thing two developing point guards needed. Ntilikina needed to find his footing in the NBA as a 19-year-old while Burke needed an opportunity to prove that he could develop into a viable point guard at the NBA level despite being held back in Utah and Washington after being taken ninth overall in 2013.

Adding a 21-year-old former lottery pick in Mudiay was only going to take minutes away from the two if Jack continued to start.

Fortunately for them, head coach Jeff Hornacek has made Mudiay the starter while Burke and Ntilikina get minutes while the 34-year-old Jack hasn't played since Valentine's Day.

All three have been on the floor together in some combination and have been surprisingly productive despite the numerous question marks surrounding them.

Here is how they have performed over their six games together:

EMMANUEL MUDIAY

WITH NUGGETS	WITH KNICKS
42 GAMES	6 GAMES
17.9 MINUTES	24.6 MINUTES
8.5 POINTS	11.7 POINTS
2.9 ASSISTS	5.3 ASSISTS
2.2 REBOUNDS	3.3 REBOUNDS
1.7 TO'S	2.2 TO'S
40.1 FG%	40.9 FG%

FRANK NTILIKINA

PRE MUDIAY	POST MUDIAY
53 GAMES	6 GAMES
20.1 MINUTES	24.1 MINUTES
5.2 POINTS	7.5 POINTS
3.3 ASSISTS	1.0 ASSIST
2.1 REBOUNDS	3.0 REBOUNDS
1.9 TO'S	1.3 TO'S
35.2 FG%	42.5 FG%

TREY BURKE

PRE MUDIAY	POST MUDIAY
11 GAMES	5 GAMES
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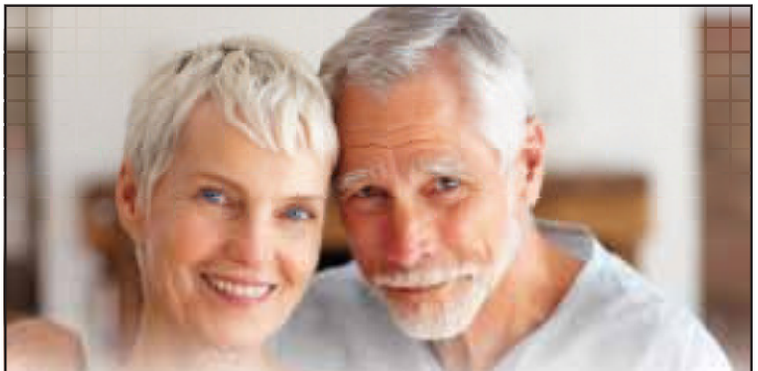

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GAMES	MINUTES	OFFENSIVE RATING	DEFENSIVE RATING	NET RATING
4	69	121.4	102.9	18.5

NTILIKINA AND MUDIAY ON THE FLOOR

GAMES	MINUTES	OFFENSIVE RATING	DEFENSIVE RATING	NET RATING
6	65	104.8	115.4	-10.7

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GAMES	MINUTES	OFFENSIVE RATING	DEFENSIVE RATING	NET RATING
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New York Islanders general manager Garth Snow once again did not do enough to help his team's chances of contending for the postseason. GETTY IMAGES

ISLES GM SNOW'S FATE SEALED AFTER QUIET DEADLINE

OPINION

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Of all the years the New York Islanders had to make a move at the NHL trade deadline, this was it.

Entering Monday's final chance to swap players for the rest of the regular season, the Islanders were just two points back of the Columbus Blue Jackets for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference despite glaring deficiencies on defense.

Somehow, the Islanders possess a winning record (29-27-7, 65 points) despite allowing 225 goals in 63 games. They are the only team in the league at this point to have allowed 200 or more goals and possess a winning record, let alone remain in the playoff picture. The crosstown rival Rangers (27-30-6) are the only other team that has allowed that many goals (201) and have 60 points.

While they have experienced some injury issues with the loss of Calvin de Haan for the year, Scott Mayfield for four weeks, Johnny Boychuk, who has since returned, for six weeks, New York has lined up an inexperienced, small, soft defense.

Nick Leddy, Thomas Hickey, Sebastian Aho and Dennis Seidenberg are blueliners who play more of a finesse game who are incapable of moving players away from the front of their goal or can win puck battles in the corner. Adam Pelech and Ryan Pulock are still raw who often show their inexperience through defensive lapses.

Head coach Doug Weight's style of play doesn't necessarily help as he's content on his team building their attack from inside their own zone. However, it leaves the team susceptible to giveaways in dangerous positions; an all-too-familiar sight for Islanders fans this season.

They really have their offense to thank as they have simply outscored teams on many occasions this year. Captain John Tavares and Anders Lee are the first Islander teammates to record 30 goals in the same season since the 2011-12 season while Mathew Barzal has been one of the frontrunners for the Calder Trophy, the league's Rookie of the Year award, with a team-leading 66 points (17 G, 49 A).

Alongside Josh Bailey (15 G, 47 A), who looks as though he's finally put things together despite this being his 10th NHL season, Tavares and Barzal have created the first trio of Islanders to record 60 or more points in six years.

In total, New York has racked up 207 goals this year, fifth-most in the league. The four teams ahead of the Islanders — the Tampa Bay Lightning, Toronto Maple Leafs, Vegas Golden Knights and Winnipeg Jets — all have at least 83 points.

That's because all four teams have allowed at least 43 goals fewer than the Islanders.

So it was pretty clear that general manager Garth Snow had to go out and bolster his blue line at the trade deadline with a top-four-caliber defenseman. You don't need to be a seasoned NHL executive to realize that.

Actually, you don't really need to watch a lot of hockey to realize that.

Instead, Snow traded a third-round draft pick to the Edmonton Oilers for Brandon Davidson, an unproven defenseman who hasn't played more than 51 games in a season and has put up a minus-eight rating over the past two seasons before dealing struggling winger Jason Chimera to the Anaheim Ducks for forward Chris Wagner.

While Wagner will add more grit to the team and a boost in backchecking — he ranks second in the league with 212 hits — it still doesn't address a defense that is fundamentally broken.

That was all Snow managed to pull off as once again, he did basically nothing to better his team's chances of making the postseason.

It's a statement fans and pundits alike have been saying for the last 11 years as the man responsible for pulling the strings seems ignorant to his own team's needs.

In the meantime, the Blue Jackets, who were just two points ahead of the Islanders entering Monday night, pulled off three trades to acquire veterans defenseman Ian Cole along with forwards Mark Letestu and Thomas Vanek.

They promptly defeated the Metropolitan Division-leading Washington Capitals, who were passed by the Philadelphia Flyers, on Monday night to open up a four-point cushion ahead of the Islanders.

Columbus got better in anticipation for a legitimate playoff push.

The Islanders did not.

Should New York fade at the end of the year and not make the playoffs, they'll have to try and sell captain Tavares, a pending free agent, on re-signing with a team that is clearly not dedicated to winning. If they actually were committed instead of just saying it, Snow would have done a lot more at the deadline to get this team in a better position to contend.

It's the 11th-straight season of this team basically being stuck in neutral and something has to change. Unfortunately, it might result in the Islanders' franchise player testing the waters in free agency this summer to usher it in.

That means co-owners Jon Ledecky and Scott Malkin have to seriously consider letting Snow go at the end of this season, if not sooner. If they don't, they will quickly become just another part of the problem that has plagued this franchise for almost 35 years.

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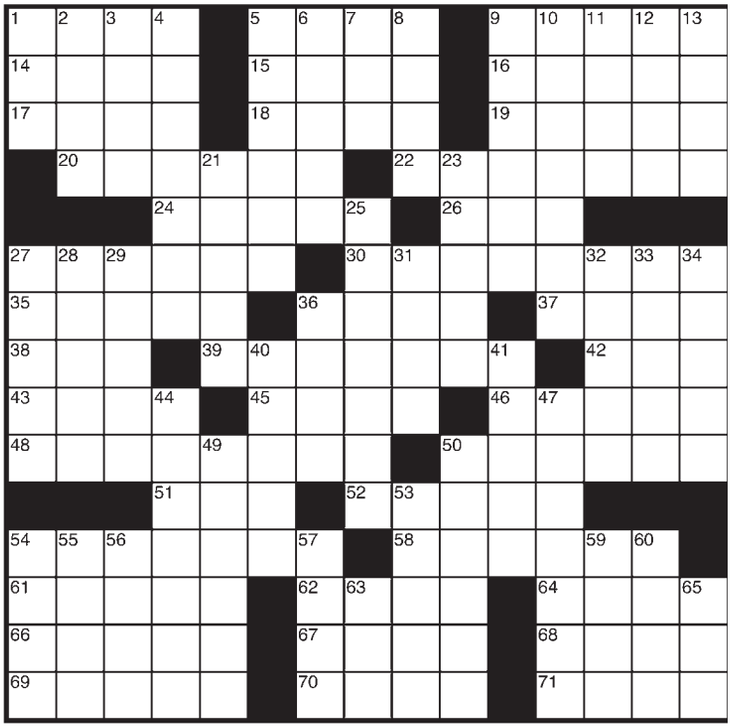
Across

1 Clean the deck
5 Feel sore
9 Stays near the shore
14 Whey-faced
15 Creme caramel
16 "Too many cooks ..." e.g.
17 Upper limbs
18 Strong, as venison
19 Type of eclipse
20 Chinese exercises (2 wds.)
22 On a bicycle
24 Suspense
26 Circle of flowers
27 Slide-show need
30 Cheer
35 Slack
36 Debatable
37 Airport exit
38 Non-flying bird
39 Ivories tickler
42 Upsilon preceder
43 Nasty remarks
45 Network
46 Smells awful
48 Sentimentality
50 Art categories
51 GI address
52 Long-plumed heron
54 Vulture's dinner
58 Kind of tire
61 Comic-strip queen
62 Pharaoh's god
64 Branch
66 Like a judge
67 Brad of the movies
68 Jacob's son
69 Exhilarating
70 Divers' milieus
71 Shangri-la

Down

1 Mineral spring
2 Toad feature
3 -- mater
4 Anyway
5 Crochet project
6 Prospector's filing
7 Smokehouse hanger
8 "Shepherd Moons" chanteuse
9 Squandered
10 Like some fans
11 Surrealist painter
12 Victorian oath
13 Desiccated
21 Go furtively
23 Ribs, slangily
25 Worry, plus
27 Sleighs or luges
28 Stand-up performer
29 Scratchy
31 Burglar's "key"
32 Dinner guest
33 Property marker
34 Kiddie-lit author
36 Shopping plaza
40 Ice hut
41 At bay
44 Felt a sharp, stinging pain
47 License
49 Drone's home
50 Endowments
53 The fabulous Garbo
54 Billfold contents
55 -- vera lotion
56 Ms. McEntire of music
57 Nods off
59 Impressed, plus
60 Not taped
63 Rail securer
65 Win at rummy



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Aries Observation will help you process what you are up against. Seeing someone or something firsthand will encourage you to make adjustments that will protect you against loss.

Taurus Let others do as they please; if you are judgmental, you will be judged as well. Know your capabilities and only promise what's doable. Living up to your word is important.

Gemini Spend more time at home and with people who can help you get things done. Trusting someone's word will lead to disappointment. Get the facts firsthand.

Cancer Get along with your peers. There is strength in numbers, and if you can convince others to step up and make a difference, positive changes can be put into motion.

Leo Keep moving forward at lightning speed. What you accomplish will give you the edge when faced with opposition. Only take on what you can handle.

Virgo Put in the hours, physical labor and effort to get things done. Supervision may not be welcome, but it will help you maintain peace and avoid discord.

Libra You can make a difference if you put your skills and experience to good use. Participate in community events or home projects that will help improve your environment.

Scorpio Concentrate on getting things done to the best of your ability. Don't jeopardize your chance to advance by letting an emotional incident stifle your productivity.

Sagittarius You'll be easily misled by someone trying to manipulate you. Stay focused on what interests you, and make changes that will encourage a better standard of living.

Capricorn Uncertainty will prevail regarding partnerships. Be precise to avoid a misunderstanding. Impulsive decisions will lead to a disagreement and regret.

Aquarius Your involvement in a movement that can bring about change will make you feel good and bring you in contact with like-minded people.

Pisces Do whatever it takes to ensure that your responsibilities are completed on time. Refuse to let anyone interfere and deter you from reaching your goal. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

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